

Remarks

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 remain pending in the application, with Claims 1, 6 and 7 being independent. Claims 1-8 have been amended herein.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 1-8 recite allowable subject matter.

The drawings were objected to, suggesting Figs. 19 and 20 should be labelled --Prior Art--. The drawings have been so corrected. Withdrawal of the drawing objection is requested.

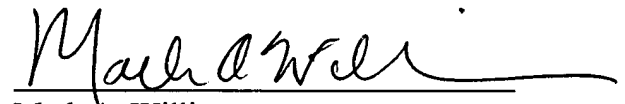
In the accompanying substitute specification, the title has also been amended, as requested by the Examiner. Favorable consideration and withdrawal of the objection to the title are requested.

Claims 1-8 were objected to for minor informalities. Without conceding the propriety of this objection, Applicants have amended the claims generally in the manner suggested by the Examiner. It should be noted that "the raster direction" in the independent claims has not been changed because it finds antecedent basis in the preambles. In addition, those preambles have been revised to improve their form, but none of the changes to the claims has been made for any reasons related to patentability. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to Claims 1-8 are requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is patentably defined by Claims 1-8 and that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the objections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowability are requested.

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